

**Agenda for the March 19, 2003 Meeting of the DHT Board of Trustees  
Central Baptist Church**

5:30--Tour of the historic Central Baptist Church  
6:00--Presentation by Phillip Church, FIU Drama Director

6:30--Business Meeting Called to order-President Bill Murphy  
Approval of the Minutes  
Treasurer's Report

\$42,040 from Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs for Dade Heritage Days  
\$7500 check received from Sain-Orr Foundation (in place of Leigh Foundation)  
\$2500 from Royal Caribbean  
\$750 from Sam Boldrick  
\$2500 from Doctor Jim Hutson

**Executive Director's Report**

Dade Heritage Days—upcoming events—grant submitted for 2004  
Miami City Hall ceremony and reception March 25  
Preservation Today—must get more ads to afford printing  
Repairs starting on Dade Heritage Trust back porch

**President's Report**

Thanks to Ann Crockett and David Sablan of Central Baptist  
City of Miami HEP Board Designations  
Board interest in Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> bus tour, "Wings on Water" ?

"Wings of History" Fundraiser Luncheon at the Biltmore April 1<sup>st</sup> - Walter Alvarez  
Northern Trust has bought a corporate table  
J. Poole has bought a corporate table  
NEED MORE TABLES TO BE SOLD!  
Silent auction—Gulfstream airline tickets, model airplanes—others?  
Aviation displays lined up—wear uniforms if can—a great event!

Preservation Awards-Richard Heisenbottle

Preservation Conference April 11, 9-4, Miami Woman's Club-Dolly MacIntyre

City Cemetery-Enid Pinkney/Penny Lambeth

Old Parrot Jungle Entrance-Kathy Hersh

Calusa Playhouse-Blanca Mesa

Nominating Committee-Don Slesnick, Chairman

Next Board Meeting: April 16<sup>th</sup>—suggestions for place?:

## Executive Director's Report for March 19, 2003 DHT Board Meeting

### Fundraising:

Recruited more members for "Wings of History" Aviation Luncheon Fundraiser Committee and planned agendas for weekly meetings  
Met with Ann Kashmer of Washington Mutual and Walter Alvarez and Bill Murphy re Revolving Fund Meeting  
Met with Javier Betancourt of South Florida Regional Planning Council re Revolving Fund possibilities in West Grove  
Supervised writing and submission of Dade Heritage Days grant  
Went to Pan Am Aware Store for donations and displays for "Wings of History" luncheon  
Solicited corporate tables for "Wings of History" Luncheon  
Planned logistics with Biltmore for "Wings of History"

### Community Outreach and Public Relations:

Attended victory party for Mayor Don Slesnick at Phyllis Oeters-Peters home  
Wrote column for DHT newsletter Marie Stiefel is editing  
Attended Urban Environment League Conference at Miami Woman's Club  
Distributed DHDays brochures and invitations at International Women's Forum Dinner  
Attended Prologue Society luncheon  
Attended Ft. Dallas event in Lummus Park for Dade Heritage Days, took photos and spoke  
Attended Villager Garden Gala at Java Head and took photos  
Attended Mini-Concert and Tour at Central Baptist Church for DHDays and took photos  
Met with Josie Correa of Downtown Miami Partnership  
Wrote cover story on Dade Heritage Days for *Entertainment New and Views*  
Attended Spring Garden House Tour, took photos, distributed DHDays info, networked with preservationists  
Provided information to numerous reporters re historic houses and events  
Attended and spoke at DHT African American Women's History luncheon and took photos  
Attended with Bill Murphy the City of Miami Historic and Environmental Preservation Board meeting and distributed DHDays materials  
Attended meeting of the Brickell Area Association and distributed DHDays materials  
Coordinated with Carlos MacDonald the DHT/City of Miami event at Miami City Hall  
Attended meeting of the Pinecrest Preservationists to discuss future of Pinecrest Gardens and old Parrot Jungle entrance with Mayor Evelyn Greer

### Administrative:

Talked with Don Slesnick III re updating website  
Supervised printing and distribution of DHDays brochures and invitations  
Prepared agenda and info for Executive Committee meeting  
Coordinated meeting space, prepared agenda and packet for Board meeting  
Prepared info for Nominating Committee

**Minutes of the Dade Heritage Trust Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 19, 2003  
Central Baptist Church**

Present: Bill Murphy, Rafael Penalver, Neil Robertson, George Neary, Dolly MacIntyre, Walter Alvarez, Penny Lambeth, Don Marx, Kathy Hersh, Judy Pruitt, Blanca Mesa, Clay Hamilton, Becky Roper Matkov

Absent: Enid Pinkney, Jeanette Poole, Luis Penelas, John Hinson, Elena Carpenter, Cathy Coates, Chico Goldsmith, Frans Boetes, Marie Stiefel, David Stanley, Rich Heisenbottle

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Prior to the meeting there was a special presentation by Phillip M. Church, director of the "Mouth of the River" play on the Miami Circle. Mr. Church is a professor of theater at FIU. Mr. Church spoke about the upcoming play at the Baptist Church, "Romeo and Juliet," which will be presented to promote interracial performances. The play, as updated in a time of war would also be a source of healing, and a catalyst for the soul to promote peaceful resolutions to conflicts, Mr. Church said. Mr. Church said he chose this historic setting because it would bring the building "alive". He said he also likes to bring theater productions to non-traditional settings.

Rev. David Sablan, the outreach pastor also addressed the DHT board and said he feels the Arts can play a vital role in rejuvenating the soul. He said the Church needs monetary assistance and volunteers to help with the ongoing restoration and preservation efforts of the historic church. The church is under pressure from development interests looking at downtown Miami parcels and may be closed and sold in the near future if financial support is not forthcoming for the ongoing ministries.

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The DHT meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.  
The minutes were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report.** The following grants were awarded: \$42,040 from the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs for Dade Heritage Days; \$7500 from the Sain-Orr Foundation (in place of the Leigh Foundation); \$2500 from Royal Caribbean; \$750 from Sam Boldrick and \$2500 from Dr. Jim Hutson.

Walter Alvarez also announced that Ocean Bank has agreed to donate \$5,000 that will arrive shortly for a corporate membership. Mariano Fernandez, VP, agreed to this generous donation and should be thanked with a personal note of appreciation.

There was a motion by George Neary to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Neil Robertson and approved unanimously.

**Dade Heritage Days.** Becky Matkov reported that the Dade Heritage Days brochures have been widely distributed through libraries and groups and special mailings. Becky encouraged all DHT board members to attend the upcoming Wings on the Water tour March 23 as a DHT Board field trip.

**Preservation Today** needs ads, announced Becky Matkov. Every Board member is encouraged to buy or sell at least one ad.

**City of Miami historic designations.** Bill Murphy reported on the designations of various City of Miami properties. Continuances were requested and granted on several properties, including the Boulevard Shops owned by Knight-Ridder (parent owner of the Miami Herald). Dolly McIntyre agreed to seek more information from Sarah Eaton to see which buildings received continuances.

**Biltmore Hotel Aviation Luncheon.** Walter Alvarez announced that five corporate tables at \$1000 each must be sold to break even. Also, Angela Gittens has withdrawn as a speaker since she must attend a NASA Security meeting in Washington on that day. However, we are hopeful that Admiral Jay Carmichael will be able to be the keynote speaker instead. George Neary suggested that the Chamber of Commerce blast fax invitations to all its members and that the Bureau could send invitations to all Aviation Committee members.

**Preservation Awards.** It was announced that nominations are needed for the Preservation Awards reception April 30, 2003.

There was a discussion on the Preservation Conference April 11. Dolly McIntyre said she hopes the conference will result in the creation of a Preservation Network of activists. The keynote speaker scheduled is Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas.

**Miami City Cemetery.** Penny Lambeth invited the board members to a workday at the cemetery, April 5. The clones of two champion trees will be planted. Penny also said she has done research on women buried at the historic cemetery, particularly African-American women. The commemorative services are scheduled for April 27 and everyone is invited to attend. Information will be sent to [Clay@miamisunpost.com](mailto:Clay@miamisunpost.com) and other media. Postcard invitations will also be mailed.

**Old Parrot Jungle.** Mayor Evelyn Greer wants to move a historic Pinecrest cottage (Wilden Cottage) to the old Parrot Jungle site.

**Nominating Committee.** Dolly McIntyre read a report from the nominating committee for Don Slesnick who could not attend. There was a discussion on the importance of getting new board members who are willing to chair projects and to bring financial support to DHT. She also reported that the current officers have been asked to stay on for one more year. The President will appoint a new at-large member of the executive committee. Trustees whose terms have expired are Don Marx, Elena Carpenter and George Neary. They will be thanked for their service at the Annual Meeting. The

following were nominated to be new Trustees: Mary Young, past Junior League president; Don Chrissy, President of Beauchamp construction; Lilian Walby, past vice-president of the Pan Am Historical Foundation, and Allan Shulman, preservation architect. The officers will be voted on at the next DHT Board meeting and the new Trustees will be voted on and installed at the Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards on April 30 at Northern Trust Bank.

**New Business.** Neil Robertson announced an upcoming charette on the FEC Corridor from 10 to 11:30 a.m., March 20-26. Details will be emailed to the Board members.

Blanca Mesa reported on plans for a roller hockey rink at the historic Peacock Park, that would negatively impact the oak trees and historic setting of the park. The rink is opposed by some local groups.

Walter Alvarez reported on discussions with Union Planters Bank re partnering with our Preservation Revolving Fund..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Blanca Mesa, Secretary

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE Report to March 19, 2003 DHT Board Meeting**

### **Nominating Committee:**

Don Slesnick, Chairman  
Marie Stiefel  
Dolly MacIntyre  
Rich Heisenbottle  
Jeanette Poole

### **Greatest DHT needs:**

Financial support—personal or corporate  
Volunteers who will take leadership responsibility for a project or event  
and actually handle the work

### **Trustees whose terms are expiring:**

Bill Murphy—has served 6 years and must be on Executive Committee or  
go off, according to DHT Bylaws

Judy Pruitt  
Blanca Mesa  
Walter Alvarez  
Neil Robertson  
George Neary—has served six years and must be on Executive Committee  
or go off  
Elena Carpenter  
Don Marx  
1 spot was vacant this year

### **We have asked the current DHT Officers to serve as Trustees and as Officers for one more year:**

Bill Murphy, President  
Rich Heisenbottle, 1st Vice President  
Judy Pruitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Walter Alvarez, Treasurer  
Blanca Mesa, Secretary

(The President appoints the At Large Members)

We have asked Neil Robertson to serve another two years

We thank Don Marx and Elena Carpenter for having served as Trustees

We thank George Neary for having served on the Board for the last six years and have asked him to become chairman of the Board of Advisors

We would like to nominate the following as new Trustees:

Mary Young, past Junior League president, with IBM, on Deering Foundation Board and Coral Gables Community Foundation Board

Don Crissey, president of Beauchamp Construction

Lilian Walby—past president of Pan Am Historical Foundation; past president of New Neighbors; organized Pan Am/City Hall event in November; tremendously helpful on aviation luncheon committee

Allan Shulman—architect who has received Preservation Awards from DHT (gave DHT Board a tour of the historic part of Bath Club at our January meeting)

DHT Executive Board Minutes  
April 9, 2003 at DHT headquarters

Present: Walter Alvarez, Rich Heisenbottle, Penny Lambeth, Blanca Mesa, Bill Murphy, Judy Pruitt, Becky Matkov

Meeting called to order at 10:10. Minutes of last executive board meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Walter Alvarez asked for clarification of the report and items listed. There was discussion on closing the "Save Our Circle" account and putting the funds into the operating account. Walter so moved; Rich H. seconded and the motion passed.

Regarding the Lighthouse account, Don Sackrider, a former board member, wants a gazebo built at the lighthouse. He has gotten two bids. He may need DHT to help fund the construction. He needs to get the Park to approve the plans first.

**Wings of History luncheon:** Walter Alvarez was complimented on the event. He gave a report including money made on silent auction. He reported DHT made \$ 11, 834.17 so far on the event. Bill Murphy would like letters to go out to people who may have attended the luncheon but are not members of DHT encouraging them to join.

(THIS SECTION ABOVE SUBMITTED BY JUDY PRUITT, acting secretary)

**City of Miami CDBG Funds:** There was a discussion of a grant opportunity offered by the City of Miami. Becky Matkov suggested that DHT consider applying if there is a way to leverage our Revolving Trust Fund to take on preservation projects in the City of Miami that would qualify for a grant. It was agreed that Becky would get more information and report back to the executive committee before the grant deadline if this application was a good fit for DHT.

**Preservation Awards:** There was a discussion of nominees for the April 30 Preservation Awards, which will be held at 6 p.m. at Northern Trust Bank. Becky Matkov said the Board needed to make some decisions today because the recipients need to be notified within a week to assure their attendance on April 30. Though the application forms have been distributed to the Board and AIA since last fall, there have been few restoration project applications. Richard Heisenbottle suggested DHT contact the preservation officers on Miami Beach, Coral Gables, Miami-Dade County and Miami for nomination suggestions. Becky Matkov agreed to contact Jeannett Slesnick and other Realtors in Coral Gables regarding house restoration worthy of nominations.

Richard Heisenbottle asked about the criteria for the Henrietta Harris awards and was told it was for a lifetime of achievement and dedication. Several nominees were discussed.

There was a subsequent discussion on a special category of nominations for organizations. It was suggested that the Crandon Carousel restoration could qualify under this. Blanca Mesa suggested that the Quiet Gardens in Key Biscayne/Crandon Park also qualify and agreed to get more information. Becky and Rich would work on solidifying the awards over the next week.

The Executive Committee agreed to invite Michael Beeman to join the DHT Board of Advisors. Mr. Beeman is a past DHT Board member and is very active in organizing the historic tours of the Biltmore Hotel and other Coral Gables tours for DHT.

The next Board meeting will take place at the Claridge Hotel on Miami Beach.

Judy Pruitt announced that she has been elected to the Board of the Florida Trust.

Penny Lambeth announced that the Burr House in Arch Creek- the oldest house in the area – will be restored.

Rich Heisenbottle made a motion to have outgoing Trustee George Neary become the new chair of the Board of Advisors and to reactivate it. The motion was seconded by Penny Lambeth and it passed unanimously.

Blanca Mesa made an announcement about the upcoming Florida Folk Festival in White Springs and she agreed to pass on information on this for the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY BLANCA MESA, Secretary.